

We claim:

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5. The method of claim 1 wherein the step of obtaining a list of organizations includes providing each of the plurality of subscribers with a list of organizations from which to select.
6. The method of claim 1 further comprising the step of communicating, to each subscriber on the list of subscribers, how the particular organization responded to the step of communicating a request to honor privacy instructions.
7. The method of claim 1 further comprising the step of communicating with the particular organization a second time when no response is received to the step of communicating a request to honor privacy instructions.
8. The method of claim 1 further comprising the step of allowing each of the plurality of subscribers to change their identification information.
9. The method of claim 1 further comprising the step of providing each of the plurality of subscribers with access to information regarding status of the request to honor privacy instructions.
10. The method of claim 1 further comprising the step of providing each of the plurality of subscribers with information regarding status of privacy instructions on each organization on the list of organizations obtained from that subscriber.

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20. The method of claim 17 further comprising the steps of:
obtaining from each of the plurality of subscriber identification data; and
maintaining information in the database relating each subscriber and identification data.
21. The method of claim 20 wherein selected identification data is included in the communication to allow the selected organization to identify each subscriber in the set of the plurality of subscribers who requested instructions be communicated to the selected organization.
22. The method of claim 20 further comprising the step of allowing subscribers to change the identification data maintained in the database that related to themselves.
23. The method of claim 20 wherein the database records identification data including postal addresses, email addresses, and telephone numbers of subscribers.
24. The method of claim 20 wherein the database records identification data including social security numbers of subscribers.
25. The method of claim 19 further comprising the steps of sending to a subscriber communications indicating organizations to which communications have recently been sent on behalf of the subscriber.

26. The method of claim 17 further comprising the step of maintaining in the database information regarding a response of the selected organization to the communication.

27. The method of claim 17 further comprising the steps of:

generating a second communication to the selected organization in the event that the selected organization fails to respond to the original communication and in the event that the selected organization refuses to honor the instructions; and

maintaining information in the database regarding the organizations for which a second communication is generated.

28. The method of claim 19 further comprising the step of relaying each response received from an organization to the instructions to each subscriber addressed in the response.

29. The method of claim 28 wherein the step of relaying includes sending a communication to a subscriber that includes

an indication that the organization will honor the instructions in the event the organization indicates it will honor the instructions with respect to the subscriber,

information regarding the refusal of the organization to honor the instructions in the event the organization indicates it will not honor the instructions with respect to the subscriber and suggestions to the subscriber regarding additional action that may be taken.

a routine enabling the computer to obtain identification information from the plurality of subscribers;

a routine enabling the computer to generate communications to organizations including instructions to protect personal information on behalf of a plurality of subscribers.

35. The computer system of claim 33 wherein the software further includes a routine enabling the computer to accept and record in the database data regarding a response by an organization to the generated communication.

36. The computer system of claim 35 wherein the routine enabling the computer to obtain identification information and the routine enabling the computer to obtain an indication of which organizations each individual subscriber desires to protect their personal information each generate a web page through which subscribers interact with the computer system.